



Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association

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The 139th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, March 22nd, 2008 at the Eagle's Lounge in Lamar, Colo., with Jo Ann McEndree presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association members. The welcome and introduction of guests was given by Pres. Jo Ann McEndree.

Dr. Carl Heckendorf, state veterinarian's livestock disease & animal health director, was the keynote speaker on trichomoniasis disease. About 50 ranchers were in attendance.

Other guest speakers included Dr. John Stulp, Colo. Dept. of Agriculture commissioner; Mike Smith, Colo. Dept. of Wildlife area manager; Rick Wahlert, Colo. Brand Board commissioner; Terry Fankhauser, Colo. Cattlemen's Assoc. executive vice president and Becca Gill of the CCA staff; and Dan McCarthy, National Cattlemen's Beef Assoc. field representative. Two speakers were unable to attend but materials from the Colorado Beef Council were distributed, and a letter from John Valentine of the Colorado Land Commissioners board was read. Reports also were given by Judy Wallace, Southeast Colorado Cattlewomen president; Dr. John Wagner, coordinator for the Southeastern Colorado Fed Beef Program; and Bruce Fickenscher, on behalf of Dean Oatman, on the new Livestock Producers Group.

The refreshment breaks were courtesy of Farm Credit. Pres. Jo Ann McEndree called the business meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes were distributed at registration. Jim Rogers moved and Bruce Fickenscher seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last annual meeting and approve them as printed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jim Rogers reported on the disaster relief efforts in the past fiscal year, where monies were distributed on the state level and from the local Bent-Prowers fund to those who had suffered livestock and related losses from the area's back-to-back blizzards. Some money from the local fund also was used in the Holly tornado clean up, where association volunteers cooked and served beef. Joe Kasza reported that a separate relief drive was held to aid Tennessee drought-stricken ranchers, who had aided us in the blizzard relief. Bent-Prowers volunteers coordinating the collection & shipping of two semi loads of hay and about \$1385 to Tennessee.

The audit report was given by Pat Karney. He moved and Lori Chase seconded to accept the financial report and the 2008 proposed budget. Motion passed by voice vote. The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report also was given by Pat Karney. Steve McEndree moved and John Smartt seconded to accept the trust report. Motion passed by voice vote.

Dave Mendenhall presented two resolutions and one directive on behalf of the resolutions committee. The directive read:

Whereas The Colorado Cattlemen's Association's mission since 1867 has been to represent and protect Colorado ranches, their interests and well being, keeping ranchers ranching and ranchers on them.

And whereas the United States Department of Defense desires to acquire a minimum of 418,000 acres of ranch land in the southeast quarter of Colorado through eminent domain, if necessary.

And whereas this acquisition will displace approximately 100 ranch families, many being 4th and 5th generation families and will destroy their ranches, their lives, their heritage and their livelihoods.

And whereas the acquisition will destroy the local economics of scale for the entire region, an economy

estimated by Representatives Marilyn Musgrave and John Salazar to be as much as \$313,000,000 annually. (Pueblo Chieftain, July 11, 2007)

And whereas the El Paso County Commissioners, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and several of their elected officials have aggressively endorsed this expansion, showing their complete disdain for the ranching industry in Colorado and the economy it brings to this State of Colorado.

And whereas the Colorado Cattlemen have for years contributed to the Colorado Springs economy by having at least one convention there annually and on several occasions two conventions in one year, 2008 being one.

Therefore Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association request that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association through its convention committee, pursue and find a more suitable city to host its conventions; a city and county that unlike Colorado Springs, supports, understands and appreciates the economic stability and wealth the ranching industry brings to Colorado.

And further the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association requests that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association contact and inform all of their sister agricultural groups and associations who hold annual conventions in Colorado Springs and suggest they also seek out alternative cities and counties which appreciate and understand the ranching industry, to host their conventions.

Hans Hasser moved and Ron O'Neal seconded to accept the directive. After discussion, the motion passed in a split vote.

Resolution #1 read:

Whereas trichomoniasis is rapidly expanding in the West, and;

Whereas the best control of trichomoniasis is communication and information;

Therefore be it resolved that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association through its animal health committee seek legislation that the state Veterinarian implement the following agenda:

- Immediate notification of area producers that the specific reportable disease is in their area, and;
- Immediate education sessions and information distribution about the disease and how to control and ultimately eradicate the disease, and;
- Immediate notification of area veterinarians as to who has the disease so that they may assist in the control and eradication process, and;
- Enforce the rule requiring the testing for trichomoniasis of non-virgin bulls sold through auction markets which are not bound for immediate slaughter.

Steve McEndree moved and Pat Karney seconded to accept the resolution. Motion passed on voice vote.

Resolution #2 read:

Whereas, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence.

We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

Therefore be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Dave Mendenhall moved and Susan Russell seconded the resolution. The motion was approved by the crowd rising for a minute of silence.

Junior Pres. Joe Jolly gave the South East Colorado Junior Cattlemen's report.

Hans Hasser gave the nominating committee report by presenting the slate of officers. After each officer position, nominees were accepted from the floor.

Curt Russell moved and Lori Chase seconded to close nominations and elect Mike Dutton as president by acclamation. Motion passed and Mike was elected.

Steve McEndree moved and Doug Hasser seconded to close nominations and elect Ron O'Neal as first vice president by acclamation. Motion passed and Ron was elected.

Ron O'Neal moved and Milton Rink seconded to close nominations and elect Timy Trospier as second vice president by acclamation. Motion passed and Tim was elected.

Jim Rogers moved and Lori Chase seconded to close nominations and elect Susan Russell as secretary/treasurer by acclamation. Motion passed and Susan was re-elected.

Hans Hasser then presented the director slate, which read:

Baca County directors: Reggie Lusk, Steve McEndree, Kevin Hefley and Clint Plagge;

Bent County directors: Lori Chase, Pat Karney, Joe Kasza, and Doug Hasser;

Kiowa County directors: Bruce Fickenscher, Tyler Karney, and two vacancies;

Otero County directors: Bill Gray, Dave Mendenhall and Curt Russell and Leon Leonard;

Prowers County directors: Kenny Emick, Milton Rink, Brian Shaw and Hans Hasser.

There were no nominations from the floor. Steve McEndree moved and Lew Matthews seconded to accept the full director slate by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote. Directors were elected for 1-year terms.

There was no further business. Curt Russell moved and Hans Hasser moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. and immediately was followed by the cowboy punch bowl sponsored by La Junta Livestock Commission. The banquet and cowboy ball rounded out the evening.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Russell, sec./treas.